

## **Public Consultation**

### **ICMR Operational Guidelines for Single Ethics Review of Multicentre Research in India**

Multicentre research involves conducting studies across multiple sites under a common protocol to address shared research questions, enabling strategic pooling of expertise, resources, and infrastructure. However, existing ethics review processes for multicentre studies in India often involve multiple site-specific reviews, resulting in duplication of effort, inconsistent ethics review decisions, and delays in study initiation. To address these challenges, the ICMR Bioethics Unit has developed the *Draft Operational Guidelines for Single Ethics Review of Multicentre Research in India*.

The document is being posted on the ICMR website for public consultation **until 6 March 2026 (5:00 PM)**, and interest-holders may provide their comments, suggestions, or feedback. The document may be downloaded from the link provided ([Download Operational Guidelines](#)), and comments may be submitted by clicking on the link provided:

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